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- 1. JUNE 28 VOA BROADCAST BASED ON INCORRECT INTERPRETATION OF DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S REMARKS AT JUNE 20 NEWS BRIEFING ON BEGINNING OF US-SOVIET INDIAN OCEAN DISCUSSIONS. NEW ITEM DELETING REFERENCE TO WIDER INDIAN OCEAN TALKS HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR PROMINENT PLAY ON JUNE 29 EVENING VOA BROADCAST IN RUSSIAN AND ENGLISH.
- 2. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE LOW KEY APPROACH TO SOVIETS REFERRING TO INCORRECT STATEMENT IN JUNE 28 BROADCAST AND NOTING THAT A CORRECTED JUNE 29 BROADCAST OMITS ANY MENTION OF WIDER INDIAN OCEAN TALKS. YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT THERE IS, OF COURSE, NO MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE POINT CONFIDENTIAL

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